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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE FORGES AHEAD

Annually at the close of the Bock Beer season the perennial Committee on Resolutions meets in solemn conclave to debate the sins of the profession and to mete out merited punishment to those who have strayed from the narrow path of righteousness.

As its motto this year the committee has adopted "NEITHER SNOW NOR RAIN NOR HEAT NOR GLOOM OF NIGHT CAN STAY US FROM THE SWIFT COMPLETION OF OUR APPOINTED TASK". With this clear mandate before it, nothing but a universal disaster the like of which the world has never seen will prevent the committee from accomplishing its objective.

What is its objective? What, after all, is an objective? Does anyone have a fully house broken objective which he can loan to the committee? And if the committee had an objective, where would said committee store said objective so that moth and rust might not corrupt? These are just some of the great problems collecting dust on the desk of committee members but scheduled to be taken out and brushed off in the next few weeks. And then - look out!

Insurance against being made the butt of committee attacks is available at varying costs depending upon the vulnerability of the applicant. All applications for such protection must be made in writing to the Institute, Department 4XO, where they will receive prompt attention by our trained staff of strong-arm men. Personal checks will not be accepted; remit only in cash, post office money order, or by certified check. Receipts will not be issued except upon request and, perhaps, not them.

(Signed) Hawley S. Simpson, Chairman,

ITE Resolutions Committee.

CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES - CORRECTION

The list of chairmen of committees published in the February-March issue of TRAFFIC ENGINEERING showed Theodore M. Matson (Member) as Traffic Engineer, Philadelphia (the position he held at the time of his appointment as Chairman of the Traffic Surveys Committee), whereas he is now with the Harvard Bureau for Street Traffic Research as Field Research Associate.

WHAT DID HAPPEN IN PHILADELPHIA?

The item headed "Philadelphia Promotions" in the February-March issue of TRAFFIC ENGINEERING, which stated that J. Elmer Transeau (Associate) had been promoted from Traffic Signal Engineer, City of Philadelphia to Signal Engineer, and that Robert A. Mitchell (Associate) had been promoted to Traffic Signal Engineer was based upon a letter received from one of the Institute's most reliable members. An equally reliable member has written since to say that Mr. Transeau was promoted to Traffic Engineer, Division of Accident Prevention and Traffic Engineering, Department of Public Safety, Philadelphia. Another reliable member (who was not quite positive about it) had it that Mr. Transeau was promoted to Assistant Director of Public Safety, and that Mr. Mitchell is now Traffic Engineer in Philadelphia. Will someone please page Elmer and Bob so we can get this straight? Anyway, we are all glad to hear that the boys were promoted.

McCRACKEN AND HAMMOND TO SERVE ON STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Dwight M. McCracken (Associate) has been selected by President McIntyre to represent the Institute of Traffic Engineers on the American Standards Association Committee which has been set up to develop standard practices in motor vehicle inspection and safety equipment. Harold F. Hammond (Secretary - Treasurer) will act as alternate for Mr. McCracken.

The committee, which is composed of representatives of 15 official organizations, such as the Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators, the Automobile Manufacturers Association, the Society of Automotive Engineers, the National Bureau of Casualty and Surety Underwriters, the National Safety Council and others, has an especially important task in hand, in that it has been requested by the Interstate Commerce Commission to develop tentative standards and practices for federal control and regulation of interstate trucks and busses under the provisions of the Eastman Bill which was passed and made effective last October.

COOPERATION

Each member of the Institute has probably received a copy of the following letter from Paul L. Green, Chairman of the Publications Committee, but it is reprinted here because it needs to be emphasized:

This is a request for cooperation with your Publications Committee.

It is the function of the Committee to cooperate with The American City Magazine in conducting the TRAFFIC CONTROL AND FACILITATION section of that publication. This function can only be fulfilled successfully through the cooperation of every member of the Institute.

Frankly, during the past year the members, with a few notable exceptions, have not cooperated. Our columns in the American City offer us an opportunity of service which we cannot afford to turn down. We are carrying out one of the most important activities for which the Institute was founded, in bringing to the more than 15,000 municipal and State officials who receive the American City, valuable authoritative and up-to-date information relating to the control and facilitation of street and highway traffic.

This year we desire to make our columns essentially practical. Rather than stress theoretical discussions of what should be done to safeguard and facilitate traffic, we intend to stress what has been done in certain cities with the idea that other cities can benefit thereby. The drive for safety is on this year as never before, and we can render no better service to the cause than by releasing information on proven ways and means of increasing safety on our streets and highways.

A list of the names and addresses of the members of the Publications Committee is attached. Get in touch with the member nearest you and make it a point to send him or bring to his attention any material which you deem suitable for publication. This material may arise from your own experience, that of fellow members, or others. While we will welcome finished articles, do not fail to let us know where worth while information exists that can be worked up for publication. We particularly desire illustrative pictures to use with articles.

Can we not count upon your cooperation in making TRAFFIC CONTROL AND FACILITATION very much worth while?

(Signed) Paul L. Green. Chairman,

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BURTON MARSH RECUPERATING

Members of the Institute will be glad to learn that Burton W. Marsh (Director ITE) Director, Safety and Traffic Engineering Department, American Automobile Association has recovered from an illness which kept him from his desk for two weeks.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We thank Otto K. Jelinek (Member) Traffic Engineer, Chicago Park District for a copy of the history of the 1935 Chicago Police Safety Contest, which was sponsored and worked out by his Traffic Engineering Section. This is the sort of cooperation Paul Green suggests in the letter quoted above.